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Photo by Mark Arike

Olympic gold medalist Matt Duchene reaches out to greet a young fan in Head Lake Park on July 6. See page 34 for story.

Dysart man charged with attempted murder

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

A 56-year-old Dysart resident charged with attempted murder will remain in custody awaiting a bail hearing in Lindsay on July 11.

According to the Haliburton Highlands OPP, uniform officers, local members of the Criminal Investigations Unit and the Emergency Response Team responded to an incident on July 3 at an address on Highway 118 in Haliburton.

As a result of the investigation, Grant

Wallace has been charged with attempted murder, forcible confinement, uttering threats, assault, choking, unauthorized possession of a firearm, a careless use of a firearm, and pointing a firearm.

OPP Const. Paul Potter couldn't say much about the investigation, but

confirmed that the victim was injured.

"It's a big incident, but I'm not able to get into the specifics due to the nature of the investigation," said Potter. "That is before the courts right now."

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Highlander news

Photographer releases video of Reid's salute

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

After a photo of Minden Hills Barb Reid making a rude gesture to a constituent on Canada Day came under fire, photographer Richard Bradley posted a video of the occurrence to social media.

Via e-mail to media on July 5, Reid accused photographer Richard Bradley of Photoshopping the image to show her giving him the finger.

"Richard Bradley is known to Photoshop

pictures," said Reid.

The photo itself is actually a screenshot taken from a video that Bradley shot on his smart phone. The Highlander has seen this video, on the original device, and it appears to be legitimate. The video shows Reid in conversation with a man, then turning to

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Barb Reid

reeve, Minden Hills

see Bradley and raising her finger. All elements of the photo that is circulating are present in the video, without alteration.

Reid has not denied making the gesture to Bradley. She made a formal apology after an unrelated special meeting of council on July 3.

"I would like to take a few moments to

express my deep regrets for the gesture I made. It's not something I normally do, and it was not the right thing to do despite whatever circumstances surrounded that. I would like to apologize to council, to staff, and to community for not representing this community in a way that it should have been. My apologies."

Two days after the apology, Reid sent the email accusing Bradley of Photoshopping the image.

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Editorial opinion

The trails experience

I recently took an ATV ride through the trails in Highlands East.

It took almost a day's riding to get from Harcourt through to Gooderham and back again, but what a good day it was. From a beautiful waterfall to an old bridge overlooking rapids, then riding along the old rail line and, at one point, being surrounded by sheer rock face, I was entranced.

Like most county residents, I had been on the rail trail plenty of times before and loved it, but this was something different. The trails, while managed, weren't tamed. They were fun, at some points challenging, and other times nice and relaxing. But you don't need an ATV to enjoy them either.

The parts of the trail near Gooderham, for example, are great for hiking. The scenery is breathtaking, and more than once I got off my ATV to take pictures or walk down near the creek. I could spend hours there and not get bored.

In my not-quite-professional opinion, I would say the Highlands East trail system is coming along nicely. But there is potentially a small hitch. Highlands East council is debating whether or not to place signage along the trails for local businesses. The question being asked at the table is whether or not signage would ruin the trail experience.

The answer is no.

The signs are – as far as the current discussions indicate – being limited to trail heads only. The trail heads already have stop signs and trail markers on them. Some of them have maps as well, because they're natural spots to post information for trail users.

And that's exactly what Highlands East needs to do.

The municipality has invested a lot of money in its trail systems specifically

for the purpose of economic development. They hope to attract eco-tourists to the area, and once there, want those people to spend their money. But the trails don't cut through Wilberforce, Harcourt or Gooderham. They skirt around, go behind, and for the most part, keep riders away from roads and businesses.

I took a break from the trails and had lunch at a restaurant in Gooderham. To get there, I had to leave the trail, go down the roads in town, take a turn to get onto the 503, then turn into the parking lot. I knew the restaurant was there, but a visitor to the area wouldn't have known to stop.

The resistance to having signs on the trail heads is that it may look cluttered and turn people away, but as with most things, it's all in how you manage it. For example, a sign like the ones on provincial highways that indicate what types of services are available at an off-ramp would be perfect. A sign at the Wilberforce trail head, for example, would show a service station with gas, restaurant, general store and grocery store, all within a kilometre or two – just close enough to entice an ATVer to abandon the trail for a few minutes and head into town.

No sign equals no business.

It's important for Highlands East to maintain the natural look and feel of these trails, because that's what makes them worth riding or hiking. But if they don't allow businesses to take advantage of this asset, it will be one more wasted opportunity.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Meet the Flockers

Small Flockers, we do it naturally!

Small Flockers, we feed your family.

Small Flockers, from farm gate to your plate;

Hey! Factory Farmers! Let us play in your sand box!

Words & music by Kathryn Thomson

Small Flock Poultry Farmers of Canada



By Bram Lebo

Bob Dylan may have better rhymes, and the Kingston Trio more soothing harmonies, but if you find yourself missing the days of the mighty protest song there's good news: a revival is happening right here in Ontario.

Manitoulin Island to be exact, the home of the Small Flock Poultry Farmers of Canada, or SFPFC – seems they're not very good at acronyms either. No worries, because wordsmithing isn't their main gig. Instead, their mission is to advocate for farmers of relatively small numbers of poultry birds – Small Flockers, they call themselves – in a world dominated by factory farms, supply management and government over-regulation.

Those three factors are the reasons why you can't buy local chicken and eggs (or beef or pork) in your local grocery store and only find these things on a local menu. They lead to absurdities like Canadian pork being sold in Florida supermarkets at the same time our Highlands supermarkets are stocked with American pork. They are the reason local farmers must take their chickens to Lindsay for slaughter, then back to be sold from the farm gate (assuming people know how to find that particular farm gate).

Supply management was established to protect small farmers from wild fluctuations in market prices. Regulations were developed to protect the public from disease and livestock from abuse. But the rise and domination of factory farms, huge operations that can "process" thousands of birds per day, has changed the game completely. They make small-scale farming uncompetitive, and keep it that way because the factory farm-owners are the ones with the money and associated political clout.

Clearly, this system is not working for us. Not only does it keep small producers, new producers and innovation out of the market, it keeps consumers away from sources of healthy, local, ethically-raised food. Everybody involved – farmer, consumer, chicken – is a loser. Everyone, except the factory farms.

Factory farms can be so efficient because the welfare of animals and consumers

is not a consideration. If a one-pound chicken can be turned into a one-and-a-half-pound chicken by pumping it with water, and birds can be kept disease-free with chemicals rather than humane living conditions, all will be done in the name of cheap meat and big profits.

But many people have realized that some important things are being lost in this system. The quality is much poorer, as anyone who has compared hand-raised meat with factory products can confirm. Employment is hit as relatively self-sufficient farmers are replaced by transient, poorly-paid, centralized factory workers. There's evidence of cruelty against the livestock posted regularly online. And perhaps most importantly, consumers are cut off from the source of their food, unable to choose for themselves what to eat or feed their families.

The industrialization of food production means we in Haliburton County are reliant for most of our nutrition on the goodwill and competence of large corporations and government, two elements of society known for neither of those character traits. It means that you, an adult, cannot buy the chicken being raised and eggs being laid by small farmers all around us, unless you're willing to go out of your way, sometimes a long way, sometimes in a caper-like process any drug dealer would be proud of involving back roads and quiet transactions.

Fortunately, people are finally pushing back. All over the county, people are meeting in those back roads and doing those deals. And we have the SFPFC leading the way to liberating our chickens and their farmers from the grip of this dysfunctional system. Who do you trust most with your food: the government, agribusiness or the local farmer you see every week?

In places all over the world, the chicken is becoming a symbol of reclaiming our food system. It's a symbol of self-sufficiency, sustainability, and of the right to make one's own choices. Most of all, it's a symbol of freedom, the kind of freedom that's been eroding for decades.

Power to the poultry.

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Letters to the editor

Haliburton should celebrate Canada Day

Dear editor,

In response to the gentleman’s comments pertaining to the lack of media exposure, advertising and marketing on a very special year for the Village of Haliburton, with all honesty, I personally was not aware that the year 2014 was Haliburton Village sesquicentennial until reading this recent letter to the editor.

What is even more upsetting is that the town of Haliburton does nothing to celebrate Canada Day. The excuse heard most often was that Haliburton did not partake in the Canada Day festivities and celebrations because places like Minden, West Guilford and even Wilberforce celebrated Canada Day and Haliburton did not want take away from them.

My family over the years has attended Canada Day festivities at Minden and also West Guilford. These occasions gave the community as great chance to celebrate. They turned out to be very enjoyable experiences as well as giving the community an economic shot in the arm.

It’s a shame that the citizens of Haliburton have go to another municipality (ie. Minden

Hills) to attended Canada Day celebrations. Haliburton Village and Head Lake Park would be the perfect venue for such an event. Outside of our town’s bleak existence – seniors on fixed incomes, high rate government assistance (disability, Ontario Works, unemployment), seasonal employment, lack of full-time year round jobs – we need something like this in our town if nothing else showing a little pride in their country and community. It gives me the indication that the powers that be have no pride or interest in promoting this village. The only time we see or hear from our political representatives is around election time flogging us for our vote or at photo-ops. Come election time this fall, a potential candidate for our municipal elected office would garner many votes by making Canada Day celebrations in Haliburton Village an annual event. It’s an absolutely tremendous idea for a potential platform as a hot topic for their future political agenda. To all, I hope you and your family had a wonderful and safe Canada Day!

Al Luke
Haliburton

Photo of the week



Photo by John Cavers

One of the new pups at the Haliburton Forest is getting hungry.

Thank you to Land Trust’s extraordinary turtle volunteers

Dear editor,

During the months of May and June, the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust had volunteers monitoring turtle activity at up to eight different sites on roads across the county. This was the first part of a comprehensive study on Turtle Road Mortality funded by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Species at Risk program.

The collective effort by 136 volunteers covered nearly 2,800 hours of observation,

seven days a week throughout May and June. This incredible effort must make this one of the larger citizen science based research projects in recent history in Ontario, especially when considered within the context of intense effort over a very short period of time. While the committee is meeting to prepare for the next phase of this three year project, we want to pause to thank the volunteers involved to date. This group of extraordinary people came from all age groups and all walks of life. They stepped up and committed to offer their time

in all weather conditions, and throughout the height of spring bug season. An amazing level of commitment from an amazing community! Our monitors have witnessed more wild life in two months than many Canadians will see in a lifetime. This project has informed Haliburton residents of the challenges that these Species at Risk face on our roads. It is no longer socially acceptable to drive over a turtle for sport or fun. More and more people are stopping to help turtles cross busy roadways, even those who have never handled

a turtle in their lives. Everyone seems to have a turtle story to tell, either a rescue, a near miss, or sightings of turtles nesting, basking, hatching, or just passing through. The Land Trust would love to hear yours!

Larry O’Connor
Executive Director, Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

A letter to my favourtie local politician

Thank you Barb.

Thank you Barb for reigniting my interest in local politics. Up until now I have been utterly and completely disengaged as to the political wranglings in our municipal offices. I’ve casually noted the names being filed as candidates for the upcoming elections. Many are the usual suspects going for another term in office, be it their current one or a different post. Others are newcomers, folks who obviously haven’t sat through an entire council meeting because, if they had, they wouldn’t be volunteering for unfettered access to such turgid torture! But nothing has got me excited, on the edge of my seat, until Barb came into the fray with that middle finger of hers. Now, most recently there have been rumours that it wasn’t Barb’s finger at all. That it was digitally added to the image of Barb enjoying the Canada Day festivities. ‘Balderdash’ say I, but if that’s so then just who was she waving her fist at? But let’s not dwell on the mundane argument of the was it or wasn’t it her finger. Let’s not even consider such a tedious outcome to the Minden bird flipping fiasco. That would be taking away all the drama, all the fun from

the ensuing media scrummage of which I just had to get in on. Let’s simply assume that it was the Minden reeve’s middle digit and say good on ya Barb for spicing up the election. You see, I believe that the finger was a calculated move, and a clever one at that. Just like Rob Ford’s admission that he is a crack addict, Barb is throwing a curve ball into the mix. Big Rob was having trouble with his council and losing some support from his electorate and so he needed drastic action. Bingo! Drink, drugs, maybe the odd hooker or two and hey presto he’s back at the top of the agenda with the press and the public. It could seem like a risky strategy, no doubt, but as I listen to both local folks and interviewees on TV I am beginning to hear that they are feeling Big Rob’s ‘hurt’. “Hey, leave him alone. Rob’s done a lot of good for Toronto and now he’s being stabbed in the back while he’s down.” “At least we know his vices and he’s not screwing us out of billions like McGuinty did.” “Jeez, can’t a man have a little fun when he’s not at work!”

Before you know it Big Rob will be voted back into power and he’ll probably celebrate by smoking a pipe or two in the washroom of some shady strip bar, before turning up to work the next day looking bleary eyed and just as sweaty and unhealthy as he always did to carry on where he left off, doing sort of good. And that’s how I see Barb. Not in a strip bar, heavens forbid, but running the gamut of the horrified do gooders and outraged fellow politicians in a strategic move that shows us her true colours and makes us realize that she’s not so unlike us after all. I mean who doesn’t like hotdogs? Who hasn’t flipped someone the bird at some point in their life? If eating overly processed meat products and swearing at the odd photographer are Barb’s vices then I don’t think we have much to worry about. In fact, I’d like to put a call out to all the other local politicians and wannabes. Show us what you got. Show us your worst and we’ll love you all the more for it. Let’s snap that picture of Murray parading around his lakefront pad wearing speedos and smoking a big fat cigar and capture his reaction. Let’s snoop through Dave Burton’s trash till we find that receipt

for a subscription to MELONs magazine. How about we email Carol Moffatt thousands of pictures of cuddly little whitetail fawns until she cracks and rants that she hates them. How horrified would we be then! You see, politics is a necessary evil within our society. It’s tedious beyond belief most of the time but we could not function as a whole without it. Only when something like Barb’s finger is raised, or Big Rob’s penchant for a toot is discovered does politics get fun. So Barb, thank you. Your errant finger may or may not win you the next election, but be proud and stay true to your middle digit salute and street-meat tastes because you’ve got the mustard (and ketchup and cucumber relish) to beat the naysayers and come back strong. Oh, just to clarify, MELONs is the acronym for “Municipal Election Law ONtario” magazine. What else would Reeve Burton be reading, eh?



By Will Jones

TheOutsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: What is your favourite thing about summer in the Highlands?



Carol Hussel

Maple Lake

Paddle boating and boating in general on Maple Lake. It is good exercise with lots of fresh air.

Miles Roberts

Haliburton

I enjoy the tourists. Seeing old and new friends. Tourists are our big industry and we love to help look after them and make pleasant memories for all of them.



Roger Stark and Lyzbett Bernabe

Toronto

This is our first year here, but it would have to be the peace and quiet. We love fishing and really do not care if we catch anything. Just so nice to be here.



Suzanne Eastwood

Drag Lake

My favourite part of summer is the lake. That water is so pure, the right temperature and it makes you feel so good after a long swim.



Wanda Mole

Halls Lake

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Minden could be home to new pool

Dear editor,

Although the municipal election is more than three months away, two circumstances have recently changed that warrant a significant re-think about bringing an aquatic centre to Haliburton County.

Minden arena has recently been found to need a \$2.4million retrofit to remain functional. Brigitte Gall has suggested that this money be re-directed to the construction of an aquatic centre in Minden. Since skaters can access two other arenas in the county, she considers it a better use of tax dollars to create a new recreational option, one that has been lobbied for by subsequent groups for over 30 years. It may be that the time has come for people whose

preferred or prescribed recreation is swimming to get their fair share of public investment.

The research commissioned by the Pool Initiative has generally been reported as having the best support if it were sited in Haliburton Village, but 84 per cent of respondents said they would consider a membership before they indicated site preference. Reeve Reid has been one of few political supporters for a pool. If Minden Hills puts a site and \$2.4M toward construction on the table, an aquatic centre in the county becomes more likely.

An aquatic centre is also an economic development project. It will create jobs during construction and operation. As the only public pool in the county, it will bring people to Minden and they will

spend money in the village – just as they now do outside the county when they travel to swim.

There is also the possibility at this moment of considering co-locating a pool with an affordable housing project for seniors and families currently being assessed at a stand-alone downtown Minden location. Who knows what efficiencies might accrue?

Seniors and children need a pool. Other people would enjoy it. It's time to be creative about making it happen.

Fay Martin
Minden

Editor's note: There is a public outdoor pool located in Cardiff, in the Municipality of Highlands East.

Thanks for making the ATV Mud Bog a success

Dear editor,

The Haliburton ATV Association would like to thank the sponsors, member volunteers, spectators, and especially the participants who made the 5th Annual

ATV Mud Bog a huge success. As always, there was lots of mud and fun. Additionally, 40 children took advantage of the free Youth ATV Training session. This event was held in conjunction with the Minden Kinsmen's 26th Annual

Truck Pull and Shine and combined proceeds from day enabled a \$10,000 donation to the Minden Food Bank.

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Haliburton ATV Association

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Highlander news

High-speed chase leads to arrest in Minden

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

An Algonquin Highlands man is facing several charges after allegedly fleeing police on July 5.

According to a press release, an officer from the Haliburton Highlands OPP was

conducting radar enforcement on Highway 35 near Fairfield Bay Road in Minden Hills when he observed an approaching speeding vehicle. He clocked the driver of a Dodge Caliber travelling at 110 km/h in an 80 km/h zone. When the officer turned around to stop the speeding vehicle the driver accelerated, reaching speeds of 150-160 km/h into oncoming lanes. The driver nearly lost control

of the vehicle when he turned onto Taylor Road and pulled into a private driveway.

The officer followed the lone male driver, 48-year-old Tracy Nesbitt, and arrested him when he tried to exit the vehicle. Nesbitt was then transported to the Haliburton Highlands detachment for breath tests after it was determined that he had been drinking alcohol.

Nesbitt has been charged with flight from

police, dangerous driving, fail to comply with probation order, and a three day driver's licence suspension.

Nesbitt was released and is scheduled to appear at the Minden courthouse on Aug. 6.

The accused is the same person who was recently convicted of desecrating a gravesite at the Minden Cemetery in 2012.

Blanchard named CAO despite Clarke's opposition

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Lorrie Blanchard has been appointed to the position of CAO/treasurer/clerk after a special meeting of Minden Hills council on July 3.

Blanchard fills the spot left by CAO/clerk/economic development officer Nancy Wright-Laking, who vacated the position on June 25 after resigning on June 20. The majority of council members voted to hire Blanchard as CAO. Councillor-at-large Larry Clarke opposed the motion and voted against it.

"I have great confidence in [Blanchard] to do this job but I think it has to be on an interim basis until we have a proper definition of what this job is going to be," said Clarke. "This is circumventing policies and procedures in HR that we've long established in this township. The process that's been happening is not fair to other employees in this township. They had to go through an approval and selection process that is not being followed by this council. What this council is doing, in my opinion, is in contradiction of the municipal act and should be subject to review."

Blanchard has been working with Minden Hills since July 2008 as treasurer. Prior to her work with the township, she acted as finance manager for five years with

Haliburton Highlands Health Services and worked 12 years in the Dysart treasury department.

"I feel it's a natural transition in my career and look forward to the opportunity," said Blanchard. "I'm looking forward to continuing to work hard for Minden Hills, for the learning opportunity and moving the township forward with a strategic plan."

Blanchard turned the position down in 2012, and it eventually went to Wright-Laking.

I think we have a strong and committed community, and a dedicated council and staff who know their jobs and work very hard.

Lorrie Blanchard
CAO/treasurer/clerk

"Council had decided to amalgamate CAO and clerk into one position," she said. "I was only interested if treasurer was part of the portfolio as I was still working on my Honours Bachelor of Commerce degree and certified general accountant designation at the time."

As part of her new role, Blanchard will be responsible for overseeing the October municipal election and the hiring of a community services director as well as a work plan that was approved through the 2014 budget.

"Every job has its challenges and at the moment, nothing appears overly challenging," she said.

"I think we have a strong and committed community, and a dedicated council and staff who know their jobs and work very hard. All of this is going to make my job a lot easier."

Former councillor joins the race for Ward 2

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

After his first term in council, Derek Knowles decided to move on from politics.

However, just a few weeks ago, the former Dysart et al Ward 2 councillor filed his nomination for the very same seat he held between 2006 and 2010.

"I had no intention of running," said Knowles in a phone interview. "I thought my political career was over. I was happy moving on to other things."

Knowles said he opted to enter the race after being approached by several people in the ward who wanted him to run.

"It was kind of overwhelming, a little bit," he said.

The former owner of a GM dealership, Knowles has been a resident of Haliburton since 2010. He retired 14 years ago.

If elected, Knowles would like to tackle some of the issues facing the municipality.

"I really feel there are some challenges for this municipality as there probably are for all small municipalities in this part of the country," he said.

Knowles pointed out the need to create more well-paying jobs that will help the community and economy thrive.

"We don't really have anything on the go

to make that happen, or to try and make it happen. I would suggest it won't be an easy job. But if you don't try, it's not going to happen."

Other challenges facing the municipality, he said, are the daily demands in areas such as waste management and infrastructure. The OPP billing reform is another one of his concerns as "it could potentially take a fair-sized bite out of people's wallets."

When asked if he cared to comment about his opponents Steve Dunec and David McKay, Knowles didn't have much to say.

"To be very frank, I don't know much about them. I know this: they don't have any experience on council," he said, adding that it took him two years to get up-to-speed on how municipal government works.

As for the current state of the municipality, Knowles said, "There's no apparent vision."

In looking back at his time on council, Knowles said he enjoyed meeting new people and "trying to help." He misses that part of municipal politics.

The election will be held on Oct. 27.

For a full list of candidates running in Dysart visit www.dysartetat.ca.

Correction

Last week's advertisement for Abbey Gardens listed the Glassblowing workshops on June 20 for the half-day, and full-day on June 21. The workshop dates are in July.

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July 17

7:00 pm, Irondale CC Advisory Committee meeting, Irondale Community Centre

July 18-20

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July 24

9:00 am, COTW/Regular meeting of Council, Minden Council Chambers

Construction Notice

The reconstruction of Bobcaygeon Road from Peck Street to Highway 35 has received Council approval.

Please watch for signage being posted the week of July 28th with construction scheduled to begin the week of August 5th.

Sidewalk construction will also be taking place on Water Street from the Canadian Tire out to Highway 35 and in the village near the Post Office.

Please watch for and obey the Construction signs and crews while they work.

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Exhibitions

July 8 – August 23 Sunken Villages by Louis Helbig
Opening Reception: July 12 at 1pm – the artist will explain his exhibit and answer audience questions. Helbig's photographs capture the stunning imagery of the villages along the St. Lawrence Seaway which were permanently flooded 40 years ago for the construction of the Moses-Saunders Power Dam.

Culturally Thinking

Wednesday July 23 at 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Doc and Talk: What does the future hold for each generation?

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Come view a compilation of videos and discuss the implications of generational differences. We will provide refreshments, but please bring your own mug. This event will be held in the Common Room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Admission by donation.

Children/Youth Events

Creat-en for Kids

Wednesdays 9am-12pm in July and August

Ages 6-12 \$8/day/participant

Pre-registration required. More details and registration forms at <http://mindenhills.ca/art-gallery> or call 705-286-3763.

This morning program is an excellent opportunity for children to broaden their skills and knowledge about fine art and craft. July 16 Eric Carle Animals; July 23 Emily Carr Spirit; July 30 How Creative Can You Get?; August 6 Jackson Pollock Masterpiece; August 13 Kakeshi Blocks; August 20 David Hockney Land; August 27 Joseph Turner Sunrise with Sea Monsters.

Create-Now for Teens

Thursdays 6:30pm to 8pm in July and August

Ages 12+ \$8/day/participant

Pre-registration required. More details and registration forms at <http://mindenhills.ca/art-gallery> or call 705-286-3763.

Bored? Here are some really cool activities to do besides gaming and staring into space this summer. July 10 You Want to Say What? Graffiti and Graphic Novels; July 17 Digital Magazine; July 24 Adobe Photoshop Elements; July 31 Adobe Photoshop Premier; August 7 – Silkscreened Ts; August 14 Digital Magazine; August 21 A Study in Texture & Color (Space Cats); August 28 Adobe Photoshop Premier.

Econauts

Tuesdays 10:30am – 3:30pm in July and August

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Econauts at Nature's Place is an exciting program for children which focuses on expanding their understanding of the natural world we live in. Class dates and subjects: July 15 Our Silthy Slimy Friends; July 22 Wetland Wonders; July 29 Invisible Worlds; August 5 Fantastically Fabulous Functional Fish; August 12 Birds of a Feather Swim Together; August 19 Healthy Happy Lakes; August 26 The Underwater World of Mammals.

Boat Shrink Wrap

For the month of July only, the Scotchline Landfill is accepting Boat Shrink Wrap that is clean and tightly bundled with string at a cost of \$5/wrap. Please report to the attendants upon your arrival.

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Good Neighbour Award

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Staff Relocation Notice

After a short trial period and to better serve the public, the Township of Minden Hills will be moving the Community Services Department back to their former location behind the S.G. Nesbitt Arena, 55 Parkside Drive. This change will come into effect Monday July 21, 2014.

To contact the Community Services Administration Department before the change, please call the administration building at 705-286-1260, ext 205. After July 21, please call the arena at 705-286-1968.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



Did You Know

There are three different ways to vote in the 2014 Municipal Election.

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Photo submitted by Phyllis McCulloch

Miskwabi Lake association names boat launch after founding member

Members of the Miskwabi Area Community Association (MACA) gathered for their AGM on July 5 at the Airport Strip on Trapper's Trail Road. Phyllis McCulloch, membership director, said in an email that roughly 90 members attended the meeting, and both Dennis Casey and Murray Fearrey were there as well. Also in attendance were Dysart et al Ward 2 candidates Dave McKay and Derrick Knowles. At the end of the meeting, MACA members named the boat launch after founding member Jerry Strickland. Pictured above, Murray Fearrey, MACA past-president Larry Holden, and Jim Strickland unveil the sign for the newly-named Jerry Strickland Memorial Boat Launch.

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Residents invited to report crime online

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

Ontario residents now have the option of reporting minor crimes to the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) online.

Constable Paul Potter, OPP community services officer for the Haliburton Highlands detachment, said the system should benefit both citizens and the police.

"The OPP uses every opportunity to improve service delivery to the public," he said. "With the public's increasing use of the Internet, this new option for reporting a minor crime is now a desirable option for the people of Ontario."

The system can be used to report only specific crimes, including theft under \$5,000, mischief to property under \$5,000, mischief to a vehicle under \$5,000, theft from a vehicle, and lost or missing property.

"Only occurrences that do not involve an injury, a suspect or evidence are applicable," said Potter.

The benefit is in a streamline system, he said.

"It helps expedite the whole process. It helps keep police doing whatever they have to normally do out on the road."

He said this way officers can be available to attend emergency calls, as it will eliminate the need to place a phone call to the police dispatch and send out an officer.

"It's up to the citizen to decide whether to report it online or contact the communication centre, or attend the detachment," he said.

Potter emphasized that using the new online system is completely optional. If a citizen wants to speak directly to an officer, or have an officer attend to the scene, they will never be turned away. Officers will not be

dispatched through the online system, but will still attend if requested via a phone call or visit to the station.

"People won't be turned away," he said. "If they want to speak with an officer, we'll get one out there."

While the larger departments will benefit more from the system, Potter said in the summer the detachment is busy with these types of calls.

"We have a number of calls for service, a high volume we attend to, and even more in the summer time," he said. "In the summer time, when our generated calls are higher, it will be a benefit to the OPP and the officers."

The reason all crimes are not included in the online system are to ensure citizens are not forced to decide what requires an officer and what doesn't, Potter said. For example, an officer must attend the scene in the case of an

emergency, or if there is evidence that needs to be collected or reviewed.

"We need to have an officer attend right away for preservation of evidence," he said. "It speaks to the seriousness of the incident. We don't want people to determine on their own what they think the police should and should not attend to."

Potter said it's important for citizens to know this is only an option and they are not required to use the new system.

"9-1-1 is still there," he said. "Officers will attend. This is just an option for the public."

He said just like making false reports to 9-1-1, intentionally providing wrong information or prank reports via the online system is a criminal offense.

The new reporting system is located at opp.ca.

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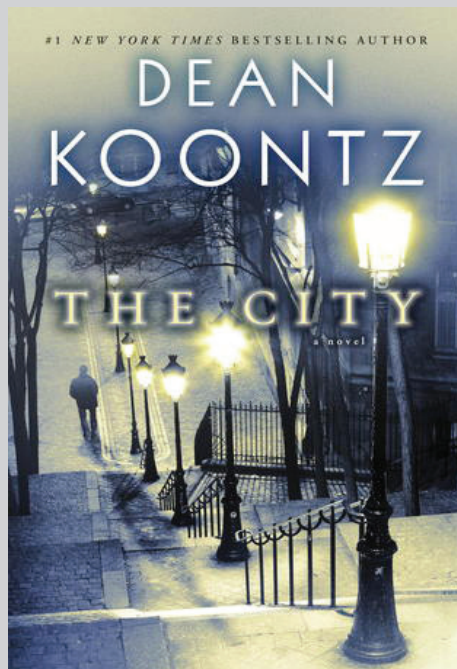
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Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



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1. The City by Dean Koontz
2. For All Time: a Nantucket Brides novel by Jude Deveraux
3. Want You Dead by Peter James

HCPL'S TOP NON-FICTION

1. Will Not Attend: lively stories of detachment and isolation by Adam Resnick
2. Moon Handbooks: Niagara Falls
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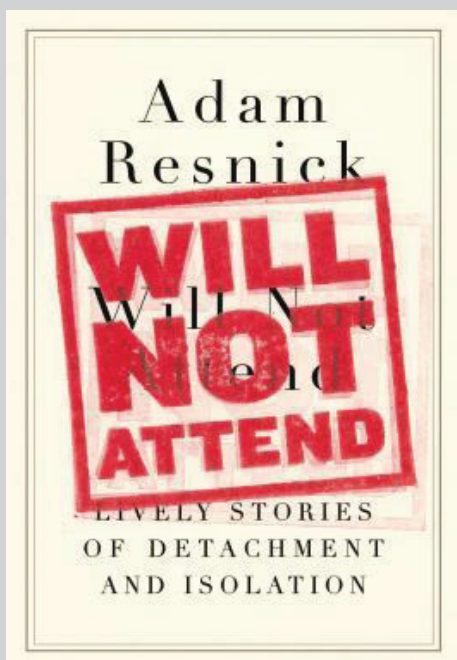
1. Independent Study by Joelle Charbonneau (YA)
2. A Pet for Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold (Picture Book)

AUDIO AND VIDEO

1. Enemy (DVD)
2. Blossom Street Brides by Debbie Macomber (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

July and August, join us at HCPL for Kids' Craft and Story Time, weekly in Dysart Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., Minden Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., Stanhope each Wednesday at 1:00 p.m., and Wilberforce each Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Come for a fun summertime craft and a story. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.



Down our Road Bait



By Sharon Lynch

As Sam slipped through the door he could hear his father's snores rumbling through the thin partition. The cottage interior walls were plywood nailed to two by four studs and sound travelled easily, like smoke circling a slow fire. Everyone was still asleep and Sam wanted them to stay that way for now. He treasured this bit of solitary freedom when he could pretend he was the only human on earth. No annoying brothers and sisters to dog his every step. No parents with chores and unpredictable moods.

Almost immediately his feet were wet from the dew that clung to the grass and ferns leading down to the family's dock. His minnow bucket swung in Sam's hand and he lowered it into the old row boat. The boat rocked slightly when he got in, tiny ripples lapping at its sides. He was in a small bay fed by the river that drained one lake into another which in turn flowed into another and on and on as part of a chain. Except for the soft gurgle of river water over stones, the rest of the bay was quiet and smooth as a tablecloth.

He pushed off then positioned himself with the oars. The sun had risen and its heat on his back told him today would be another hot one. Early morning was the best time for Sam to check his minnow trap. No one interrupted him and the air was usually pleasantly gentle and cool. The old wooden oars creaked in their locks with every pull but Sam hardly noticed.

He knew his way so well he could have closed his eyes, though that was the last thing he wanted to do. Instead he took in the scene that surrounded him, hoping for a glimpse of something non-human. Over the past several summers Sam had seen snapping turtles, beavers, a muskrat and his favourite, the Great Grey Heron. Last summer a bear with two cubs on her back had swum across the narrow channel separating the bay from the larger lake. Sam had sat transfixed and watched, glad there was no one else with whom he had to share this special moment.

But this morning it was only him. The last scraps of morning fog hovered over the bay's surface, soon to disappear as the sun

made its presence felt. A loon called from far out but without his binoculars Sam could only hear it. He continued to row.

The place where Sam kept his minnow trap was a secret. He didn't want anyone else, especially his cousin in the next cottage, putting their traps there. This was his spot, discovered through trial and error. It was in a small inlet off the bay where the vegetation hung over the water and a shallow sandy bottom made it easy to place his trap and retrieve it to check the contents. When he entered the inlet he could turn his back on the rest of the bay and imagine this was some long-lost primordial setting he had stumbled upon.

Sam liked to imagine many things, some more fantastic than others. Mostly his imagining involved different places around the property where he lived in bear caves or pine trees, wore no clothes and subsisted on berries, roots and the odd bass which he caught with his bare hands. Usually these reveries ended when he was called for lunch either by his mother or his grumbling stomach.

Now he pulled up by the old stump where his trap was tethered by a weathered piece of rope. Hoisting it out of the water Sam was pleased to see the silver sparkle of minnows trapped inside. Perch, bass and trout twisted and churned against the metal sides as he emptied them into the aerated bucket. Then he placed a few scraps of stale bread crusts into the trap, closed it and repositioned it by the stump. He sat for a few minutes enjoying the quiet and solitude. Later there would be plenty of noise and activity as he went from cottage to cottage selling the minnows as bait. The neighbours knew him by now and waited to buy from him. They said he was a nice polite kid with a good work ethic.

Then Sam heard the slap of a beaver tail and looked up to see the toothy guy, water slicked head and glistening tail before it disappeared into the bottle green depths. Sam prepared himself to be friendly and polite as he rowed back to the dock.

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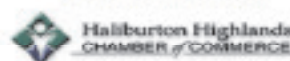
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Highlander arts

New Fleming program opening doors

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Artists who are serious about advancing their practice have a new option available to them at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

On May 4, the 14-week Studio Process Advancement (SPA) program officially launched with five faculty members and 12 students.

"They've [the students] come here to enrich their art practice," said Lisa Binnie, program coordinator and faculty member. "It's almost like doing a master's program, but on a much lighter level."

Binnie said the certificate program was the brainchild of Dar Bolahood, who is also the coordinator of the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma program.

According to Fleming College's website, the SPA program is "designed for emerging artists, visual arts graduates and established practitioners to re-examine and further develop their work with the guidance of a team of professional faculty in a supportive, inspiring environment."

The school's dean, Sandre Dupret, said the program is something new for the college.

"SPA is an incredible opportunity for practicing artists to have an intense, four month studio experience," she said. "The 12 artists in our first intake have been working long hours exploring contemporary issues in art, working with a faculty team of mentors and learning more about themselves as artists."

I frequently walk through the studio at the end of the week and the evolutions that these artists have made since their arrival in early May is truly inspiring."

With the exception of one course, all of the faculty share the courses that are taught to students. Courses include contemporary and critical practices, independent studio practice, and artist's statement. Students also take three weeks worth of summer courses to "add to whatever mediums they're working in," said Binnie.

"We're not teaching them foundation courses, but building on what they already know," she said.

By the end of the course, students will be expected to come up with an art installation or body of work. That is also when they will participate in the artist's statement class, which focuses on building their artist documents and portfolio, said Binnie.

Milton resident Rosemary VanderBreggen is a new Fleming College student who decided to take the program when she learned that the instructors included people she had studied under before.

"I was in a full-time, independent study program in Dundas [Ont.] previous to this, and several of the instructors are people I had taken classes from," said VanderBreggen, who is a full-time collage artist. "So when it came across the internet, I thought, 'Wow. You know what? Four months, concentrated study, live away from home. Sounds perfect.'"

A highlight for VanderBreggen has been forming meaningful relationships with her



Photo by Mark Arike

A student in the Student Process Advancement (SPA) program allows her creativity to guide her at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

classmates.

"Most of us didn't know anyone else who was going to be in the program, so that was fun," she said.

The information she has received about contemporary art has been "enlightening."

Andrea Lynch, a resident of Malibu, CA and Stouffville, has been taking summer courses at the college for about 20 years.

"I like a variety of everything," said Lynch, who admits that art isn't her vocation. "This satisfies all those needs."

Lynch works in a variety of mediums including stone carving. She was drawn to the SPA program because it allows her to

meet people, and enjoy their creativity and company for more than five weeks.

"I thought, 'I'm looking for camaraderie. I'm looking to work with someone that has ideas.' There's kind of a romance to it for me," she said.

For Binnie, it's been equally as invigorating to be part of the students' journey.

"It's been really exciting to watch them. There's definitely been a lot of growth with all of them, and they're really excited," she said.

Binnie said the current plan is to continue offering the program every spring so that students can take advantage of the college's summer courses.



Photo by Mark Arike

Erin Lynch, right, accepts cheque for \$1,000 donation from Carol Patrick, branch manager.

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

TD Bank is supporting the arts in Haliburton County with a \$1,000 donation to the Artists in the Schools program.

"One of the big things TD is a promoter of [are] children," said Carol Patrick, branch manager of the TD Bank in Minden.

Patrick presented a cheque to Erin Lynch, coordinator of the program. She said this was the bank's first donation to the local arts program for kids.

"I just think it's great to get children ... to

expand their horizons," said Patrick. "I think it makes a more vibrant individual."

Lynch contacted Patrick in the fall and completed an online application for the funds. The request went to the bank's regional office in Ottawa.

"It's great to have the support from the community," said Lynch.

According to Jim Blake, chair of the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands' education committee, the donation will cover the costs of one class receiving four 100-minute workshops with an artist. Expenses include artists fees, travel, materials and coordination.

The budget for this year's program is expected to come in at \$22,000, he said.

In the 2013-14 year, 22 classrooms in all five elementary schools will participate in the Artists in the Schools program. Each classroom receives four 100-minute art sessions delivered by 12 local artists. The Arts Council's website states that these artists will provide arts experiences in a wide range of disciplines to over 500 students.

The Arts Council is a not-for-profit organization that began the program in 2004.

Artists in the Schools receives financial boost

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A full life, a lasting legacy

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

When Janice Lithgow passed away on June 7 at her home on Canning Lake, she was only 57.

But despite her young age, she had lived a very full life.

"There were so many facets to her life," said friend Lois Rigney. "She was just a bubbly, positive, involved person."

Lithgow received a diagnosis of bile duct cancer on April 1 and quickly set to arranging her funeral in between doctor's appointments.

"She had battled liver disease for thirty years and was managing," said Rigney. "She knew what she could and couldn't do. In other words, she was living."

The people she met through her hobbies and endeavors have responded to the giving and active life she led by paying tribute to Lithgow through donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF). Donations in memory of Lithgow total about \$8,000, the highest amount raised in memory of a person.

"Donations in memory of deceased individuals are very important to the foundation," said HHHSF executive

director Dale Walker. "Donations in memory of Janice Lithgow have exceeded all expectations."

Lithgow moved to her husband Bill's Silverwood Road family cottage from the Toronto area and became a quick member of the Canning Lake community. Rigney worked closely with Lithgow on the Canning Lake Property Owners' Association (CLPOA).

"She really has a legacy on the lake with her editing and journalism," said Rigney.

Lithgow helped to evolve the Canning Lake newsletter and created a directory for residents on the lake to better keep in touch. Constable Paul Potter collaborated with Lithgow on the newsletter to help bring awareness of local issues to residents.

"I know she genuinely cared about issues on and around Canning Lake," said Potter. "[She] was very concerned about spreading safety messages and making sure people enjoyed the area, but did so safely."

During Lithgow's illness due to bile duct cancer, Potter drove the OPP boat near her cottage.

"She was very concerned about water safety," he said. "We wanted to let her know we were keeping it safe."

Lithgow impacted the residents on Canning Lake as president of the CLPOA with an infectious energy that has them describe her as being a smiling, talkative person.

"She had a famous smile," said Paul Riddolls, vice-president and secretary of the CLPOA at the annual AGM on July 6. "That's the smile of a very great person."

Lithgow was involved with the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, a club made up of former police officers like her husband. She painted watercolours on Tuesdays and did yoga on Wednesdays. She skied and kayaked. She was a member of the Lochlin United Church, the Lochlin Lassies and the Loose Ladies of Lochlin, who will celebrate her birthday in October.

But most importantly, Lithgow loved her family, who were with her when she died peacefully in her home. She had two kids, Jackie and Alex, and two grandchildren, Madison and Avery. Rigney remembers Lithgow painting pictures for her twin granddaughters when they were born, and showing off videos of them rolling over.

"To see her with her family," said Rigney. "She just doted on them. To have them at her bedside, there again was another blessing for Janice."

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Photo by Sue Tiffin

Sean McCutcheon takes a group of ‘Angels’ on a ride around the yard.

Angelman kids unite for fun in Moore Falls

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Angelman Syndrome (AS) affects approximately one in 15,000 people. But over the past two weeks, more than 10 kids with the rare neurogenetic disorder had the unique chance to bond together. And it all happened in Moore Falls.

The kids were invited to the home of Sean and Bethan McCutcheon, parents to 10-year-old Tecwyn and nine-year-old Tathan. Tecwyn and Tathan have a rarer form of the disorder in which there was a 50 per cent chance of the mutated gene being passed on at birth. Mostly AS presents randomly.

“With the diagnosis of AS we are rare,” said Stacy Ruddick. “But with our diagnosis of being carriers of this disorder and having multiple children with AS we are even rarer.”

Ruddick brought her three kids, aged five to nine, to Minden from California to visit the McCutcheons after forming an online friendship with Bethan and meeting her briefly at a fundraiser gala in December.

“All three of my children are affected with AS,” she said. “They all have their own strengths, abilities and personalities but they are also all affected in similar ways. They all have little to no speech, they all have difficulty doing simple things such as jumping, riding a bike, writing and have short attention spans to name a few. My children all also suffer from hard to control seizures and have difficulty falling asleep and staying asleep for more than a few hours.”

“I only know of a handful of families in the same [multiples] situation as we are in so it means the world to be able to spend a few days with others who fully understand – good and bad – what life is like on a daily basis.”

Ruddick was joined on the plane by Emily and Charles McInnes, who visited Moore Falls from Australia with their kids Alex, eight, and Hannah, six.

“We had a long road trying to get a diagnosis and professionals doubted it was AS,” said Emily. “It wasn’t until I met other families with the same type of AS [online] that I felt we belonged. And of course it is great to meet other families who have more than one child with AS as we have been through the same things even though we live in different parts of the world.”

During their stay with the McCutcheons, a party was held for Tathan’s birthday in which his classmates from Archie Stouffer and friends from the community joined in celebrating. Local teens were each assigned to one individual with AS to help keep them safe in order to give their parents a much-needed break from 24/7 caregiving. Friends of the McCutcheons brought a potluck, including an ice cream sundae bar, and then cleaned after the meal, even taking the trash bags home with them.

“This party was so important to me as I wanted Stacy’s and Em’s kids to feel the love and inclusion mine get each and every day in this amazing town,” said Bethan.

“At the party we met lots of great people and it was nice to see what a supportive

community Bethan has,” said McInnes.

The Minden area became well known in the global Angelman Syndrome community during International Angelman Day on February 15. On that day, ‘Catch the Cure’ was held at the Minden arena. Hundreds of residents showed up at the event, and more than \$21,000 was raised in donations. The proceeds benefited the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics, a volunteer non-profit organization that is funding research for a potential cure. The event raised more money than a nationwide restaurant campaign in the U.S., which brought attention to the Minden area.

“We did go into Minden and Haliburton and no one treated us any differently to anyone else,” said McInnes.

Erin Sheldon came from Kingston with her daughters Maggie and Ella Hickey along with Maggie’s friend Jordyn Carpenter. They were able to experience Minden’s Canada Day, including the snake exhibit that was a big hit with the girls, and where staff was accommodating to Maggie’s needs. Like most kids with AS, Maggie has no oral language and relies on her tone of voice, gestures and an iPad application to help her communicate.

“There was a strong sense of community,” said Sheldon. “We were immediately cheering for the rowers on the raft race even though we didn’t

know anyone. I want to come back to Minden for every July 1 just to experience that again.”

Sheldon brought the kids to Moore Falls to connect with other AS families and experience life on a lake.

“Other children with AS always feel like nieces and nephews I have never met before,” she said. “There are just so many similarities. It feels like my family enlarges every time I meet another family.”

“The experiences of raising a child with Angelman are very outside the norm. It can feel like you are the only person dealing with both the challenges and the unexpected gifts and joys. Sharing strategies that have worked with us, with other moms, makes all of this worthwhile and meaningful to me.”

Sheldon said she loved her time in Minden. “Minden was unusually accessible compared to most rural towns, and most cities, I’ve been in. Shopkeepers were lovely and helpful.”

For more information, visit cureangelman.org.

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Benches for the Brogdens a gift from friends

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Though they're pushing 80, Peter and Margaret Brogden are not known for sitting still.

They hike, they cycle and they ski. When Margaret's knee acted up, they began snowshoeing. If there wasn't a trail they made one of their own. Now there's a place to sit at those trails, on two benches that were dedicated to the trailblazers on June 23.

"It feels a great elation indeed," said Peter. "We were very thankful."

Jane Boyd helped to lead a fundraising campaign to purchase a bench for the Brogdens and get the benches built and placed on the hiking trails at the Frost Centre in Dorset.

"They're so passionate about the outdoors, giving back, and living a life that's a back-to-nature kind of life," she said. "It's so sad, people get benches after they die. People really don't know how much others care while they're still alive."

Originally, friends of the Brogdens hoped to buy one bench to dedicate in their names. Instead, after receiving

about \$1,400 from friends, families, and strangers who liked the Brogdens' story, they were able to build two benches.

"So much money flooded in when people heard it was for Peter and Mary," said family friend Anne-Marie Borthwick. "They're just all that with a cherry on top."

Borthwick said the seniors are a sight to see out on the trails.

"I'm just amazed at their energy," she said.

She first met them during Hike Haliburton in 2008.

"It was a rainy day, actually, and I saw the leader was this older man, obviously in his 70s. I thought 'oh, thankfully it's going to be an easy hike.' But he took off like a jackrabbit, clamouring up rocks, hanging on to trees, like it was a walk in the park. I thought, holy mackerel!"

Borthwick described Peter and Margaret as active people who are always working on something or going somewhere.

"If you cross their line of vision, they're going to grab you," she laughed. "I know people in their 50s who won't ski with them."

At the bench dedication ceremony, Peter led the hike into the woods to be the first



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Peter and Margaret Brogden enjoy a rest on one of two benches dedicated to them on June 23. The benches are placed in the Frost Centre trails and remind hikers that the Brogdens are, "advocates, trail blazers, inspirations to all."

to sit on the new benches.

"They're so comfortable in the woods," said Borthwick. "Peter doesn't do GPS or a map, he just always knows where he is."

Boyd hopes the benches will inspire others to enjoy time outside, as the Brogdens have. Since their arrival to the Highlands in the 70s, the couple has been involved with or has initiated numerous organizations. They started the Haliburton Real Easy Ryders Cycling Club, which grew from eight members in 1997 to about 150. The Haliburton Highlands Trekkers began as an informal snowshoe group in 2004 and now has upwards of 60 members.

"Before I met the Brogdens, I'd never

snowshoed, cycled, bushwalked, trail blazed or slept outside in a tent," said Boyd.

The couple, married for 54 years, has even developed trails from Stanhope to Big Hawk Lake. "We try to keep going, get out there and enjoy the country," said Peter. "The thought is we wanted to make hiking trails to help others enjoy the country."

Now the general public can enjoy the hiking trails from the comfort of a resting spot, as can the Brogdens if they ever decide to slow down.

"Wherever Peter is, Margaret is right behind him with a beautiful smile," said Boyd. "They're just really special."

They're so passionate about the outdoors, giving back, and living a life that's a back-to-nature kind of life.

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Highlander life

Yoga instructor lands role on boating TV series

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Longtime yoga instructor Gail Holness is stepping out of her comfort zone as the new co-host of Boating Georgian Bay TV.

Last year, Holness was approached by Mark Coles, the owner of the web-based program, about doing an episode on yoga for boaters.

"That's how it started," she recalled. "We went down to Honey Harbour on Mark's yacht and we filmed a little episode on how people could do yoga in a very small space."

The connection between the two was established through Coles's wife who is one of Holness's yoga students.

Coles said he decided to bring Holness on board because the show needed a female co-host and she was the perfect candidate.

"No one likes to look at an old dude spouting off about boats all the time," wrote Coles on his website. "It needed a softer touch and someone who is interested in boats and has fun on boats but NOT someone who is a walking boat encyclopedia. So who did

I know that would fit the bill? I racked my brain and eventually a little light came on."

He went on to describe Holness as "a very friendly and outgoing gal who is always inquisitive and has a very positive mental attitude."

Filming began in June and already Holness has been on several adventures. In her first episode, she had a chance to check out the historic Kittyhawk, a boat once owned by Orville Wright of the Wright brothers. She also saw the 30,000 Islands aboard a flight with Georgian Bay Airways.

"That was really nice," she said.

In upcoming episodes, Holness will visit Aquapalooza, Huronia Museum, Discovery Harbour and many other Georgian Bay gems.

Holness is enjoying meeting new people and visiting places she otherwise wouldn't have the chance to go to.

"Yachting is not our lifestyle. Our big boats are kayaks," she said, referring to the vessels she and her husband Mike travel on.

To learn more about the show and see the first episode, visit boatinggeorgianbay.com.



Photo by Mark Arike

Local resident and yoga instructor, Gail Holness, is the new co-host of Boating Georgian Bay TV.



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Minden Food Bank nets \$10K from Kinsmen and HATVA

Members of the Haliburton ATV Association and Minden Kinsmen presented a \$10,000 cheque to members of the Minden Food Bank, Food Bank Project Board and Masonic Lodge on July 7. The donation will help get the new community kitchen at the Haliburton County Food Centre on Newcastle Street open and functioning. Funds were raised at this year's Truck Pull and Mud Bog. "We really want to thank the many volunteers from within and outside our organizations who helped us that day," said Kinsman president Tom Prentice. The community kitchen project requires a total of \$145,000 to be operational. For more information visit mindenfoodbank.org or make a donation to the Minden Food Bank, Box 893, Minden, K0M 2K0.

Picture above, from left, Dick Schell, Masonic Lodge member and Kinsman; Tom Prentice, Minden Kin Club president and Masonic Lodge member; Karin Koch, Kinsman; Gareth Kellett, Masonic Lodge member and Food Bank Project Board director; Harold Clayton, HATVA vice-president; Barbara Walford-Davis, chair of the Minden Food Bank and Project Board; Steve Berry, project manager and mason; Joanne Barnes, Minden Food Bank manager and Project Board director; and Marilynne Lesperance, Food Bank Project Board director, meet at the construction site of the Haliburton County Food Centre for a \$10,000 cheque presentation to the Minden Food Bank.



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Photo by Mark Arike

Mike Cavanagh is the new fire chief in Algonquin Highlands. The former fire prevention officer for the Township of Selwyn started in his new role on July 7.

Township gives new fire chief a warm welcome

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

On July 7, Mike Cavanagh started his new job as fire chief of Algonquin Highlands.

The former fire prevention officer for the Township of Selwyn said he was looking forward to taking on the new role.

"I was just looking for a brand new challenge and then this opportunity came along," said Cavanagh, who has worked in fire service for a decade.

Originally from Ennismore, On., Cavanagh's

upbringing was a big part of the reason he chose this career path.

"It's something I've been around my whole life," he said. "My family has been involved in the fire service here [Selwyn] for a long time. My dad was a firefighter and still is, I have uncles and cousins who are in the fire service. It's just something that I've always wanted to do."

Cavanagh got his start as a volunteer firefighter before landing a full-time position as a prevention officer. He became captain by working his way up through the ranks.

The new fire chief finds fulfillment in his

career because it enables him to help others in his community.

"Helping the community is definitely a good thing about working in the fire department," he said.

Although this will be Cavanagh's first time living and working in the Highlands, he's no stranger to its natural beauty and activities. As an avid snowmobiler and ATVer, he's been to the area many times before.

As for the job, Cavanagh said his first goal was to connect with staff at the township.

"There's 50 people in the department, so just meeting everybody, getting to know

everybody and learning what their goals are is the first priority."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt spoke highly of Cavanagh's skillset and the qualities he brings to the township.

"Mike brings a lot of practical and administrative experience to the job, and our fire services will certainly benefit," she said. "I know our firefighters and the community will welcome Mike warmly and help him acclimatize to the Highlands."

Keith Thomas, the former fire chief, will stay on as the district chief for Station 80 in Stanhope.



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Highlander sports



Photo submitted by Nick Emsley

Nick Emsley leads a group of racers in his first race back since suffering a broken collarbone earlier this season.

Emsley back to racing

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton's Nick Emsley is back on his bike and racing hard after sustaining a broken collar bone during a national training camp earlier this year.

On July 5, Emsley competed at the Northumberland Forest in Cobourg in a 64-kilometre marathon. The race was part of the XCMarathon Cup.

"It was the first race since I broke my collar bone," he said. "The race conditions were good and the course was a great mix of fast and technical trails."

Emsley got off to a strong start. "I led the first two kilometres of the start," he said. "Then Marc-Antoine Nadon and Alex Schmidt, both elite racers, took to the front and set the race pace high. By the second lap I was switching between third and fifth place."

Although he didn't make the podium, Emsley said he was happy with the fourth place finish.

"It was the strongest that I have felt in a marathon and I am very pleased with my performance," he said. "In the series point, I'm in third place and feeling great about it."

The next marathon will be a race for the championship on Aug. 30. Emsley will have time to train and get ready, starting with his next race on July 20 at the Canadian National Championships.



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Members of the local dragon boating committee stand with their recently purchased boat, which arrived at Haliburton RPM on July 9. From left, Jane Boyd, Jane Macnab, Elli Armstrong, Chris Whittemore, Carolyn Coburn (Haliburton County Community Co-operative), Juliane Vanlieshout and Carolyn Ellis. Absent: Janine Papadopoulos and Karen Pettinella.

Haliburton gets its own dragon boat

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

After a successful first season, the sport of dragon boating will be returning to the Highlands this summer.

"We had some introductory sessions last year, which were really popular," said Jane Macnab, a founding member of the local dragon boating club. "Everybody really liked it, so the decision was made that we want to keep this going."

During the winter, those who took an interest in the sport formed a planning committee. The group became a member of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative, a local not-for-profit organization.

"They've been helping us and steering us as

to what we need to do," said Macnab.

This included guidance for submitting a grant application to the Haliburton County Development Corporation. Although the committee was unsuccessful in obtaining the funds, they have stepped up to help purchase a refurbished boat that will be used for dragon boating sessions.

"We paid for it ourselves through a foundation and our membership. So we've become founding members and that's helped with some of it," she said.

The committee is still looking to raise funds to help pay for the \$5,000 boat and paddles. New boats start at \$10,000 and go up from there, said Macnab.

"She wants to spend her golden years in Haliburton County, like most of us," joked

membership coordinator Jane Boyd.

The 42-foot-long dragon boat, named Susanna Foo, will be transported to Haliburton RPM on July 9. It was purchased from Great White North in Mississauga.

"The boat has been in the States for about 15 years, and the club that owned it named it Susanna Foo after a restaurant," said Macnab, adding that it's bad luck to rename a boat.

Last year the group rented a boat and a coach/steersperson, but continuing to do so wouldn't have been financially feasible. A couple of members have volunteered to fill coaching positions.

Macnab is encouraging everyone in Haliburton County to give dragon boating a try.

"It's for fun, for teamwork," she said.

"It's good exercise," added Boyd.

The first practice will be held on July 16 from 5:30-7 p.m. From then on, sessions will be made available from 7-8:30 a.m. and 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and 7-8:30 a.m. on Saturdays. Guests can give the sport a try on Saturdays for \$15. Participants must be at least 14 years old and bring their own personal floatation device.

All sessions will start at the back of Haliburton RPM, located at 5122 County Road 21.

The introductory membership price for the season is \$75.

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Do-it-yourself cottage projects

There's a lot of fun to be had in the Haliburton Highlands during the summer season.

However, if you ever feel like getting off the water and volunteering to take on a do-it-yourself project around the home or cottage, the options are virtually endless.

While some people – many of whom tend to be handy – know what they'd like to tackle, others ask around or browse the internet to come up with ideas.

"I think people are very educated these days and have accessibility to computers," said Cliff Smith, an employee of Tim-Br Mart in Haliburton who specializes in sales and purchasing. "I think that's [the internet] a great help to everybody in general."

Smith said that common do-it-yourself projects include decks, gazebos, picnic tables and chairs. Those who are confident in their abilities will consider building a dock, but most people go to the experts for help.

"We generally build most of the docks for the people here," he said.

Before taking on a larger size project, Smith advises calling the local municipality to ensure you follow the rules. It's possible that a building permit may need to be obtained before you can get started.

Although he hasn't heard any major horror stories, Smith recommends using common sense and always putting safety first.

"People don't use personal protective gear. They'll grab a saw and not have safety glasses on. Take the extra time to put the personal protective safety gear on instead of just saying, 'Oh, I have one cut to do I'll just zip through it.'"

For those cottagers and residents who are considering a project that's beyond what they're capable of doing, Smith points out that Tim-Br Mart is equipped with a full planning and design department. If they feel like they need to pass it on to someone else, they'll provide a list of a few local contractors who can get the job done.

The Tim-Br Mart Project Centre highlights many fun and creative projects that are practical and pretty.

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Visitors Alex Green, left, and Laura Hochman pick up some paint at Walker's Home Hardware.

the cottage? Then an outdoor shower is the perfect way to get refreshed without having to shell out big bucks for a second bathroom. With the steps laid out for you and simple construction techniques, this is a project that can be completed in a couple of weekends.

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Builders and trades backed up

If you've got a project you need done around your home or cottage, you could be waiting a while.

Aggie Tose, executive officer for the Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA), said everybody in the county is busy.

"[We] started late, but it's very busy now," she said. "It's late because it took so long for spring to come, I think that's the biggest hindrance. There's just not been the weather to do work if you could get at it."

Although contractors are all busy with work now, that doesn't mean your job won't get done.

"The reality is everybody is very busy right now," she said. "There's no excuse for not returning calls, but there is very good reason when you can't get to the job site and get it done when they're [clients] expecting it."

Although the job may not get done in July, Tose said builders and contractors are still accepting work.

"It's not like we stop working Labour Day weekend," she said. "The work continues until there's frost in the ground."

Adding to the workload is the damage done

by last week's storm and recent rainfall.

"[There has been a] number of calls from people who got wind damage with trees coming down, or major flooding that has happened. It takes more time to do that."

Dealing with insurance adds time to projects.

"They want it to go through insurance, [but] that takes longer to get," Tose said. "They need good quotes. Those take time. You just can't put those things together with a drive-by and [say] it looks like \$5,000."

Despite the challenges, Tose said builders and contractors need to be as accommodating as possible, but clients also need to understand why things may be delayed.

"It has to be reasonable on both sides," she said.

As far as the builders and contractors are concerned though, this summer has shaped into a very busy and positive one for their business.

"It is on the up," Tose said. "I would say that everybody's comfortable right now. Things are on the good side and it's a very positive situation."

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Avoiding a wet basement

A flooded basement can be more than just a burden to clean up or an expense to pay. Water damage and mould as a result of flooding can also lead to serious health problems.

That's why it's essential for all homeowners – not just those who live next to water – to do what they can to prevent flooding before it happens.

Cory Bull's house in Minden was affected by flooding this past spring. The heavy rain combined with the snowmelt was too much for Bull's home, and the basement flooded.

"It actually came up through the floor," said Bull.

"We had about one inch of water on the floor for three months. We vacuumed it, we pumped it out, and it just kept coming."

"Our inside sump pumps went off every 50-60 seconds, 24 hours a day, for weeks and weeks."

Bull said repairing the damaged basement and installing proper flood preparation equipment cost over \$10,000.

"We ended up excavating the perimeter of the house," said Bull. "And having new weeping tiles, crush, spray rubber and dimple board installed, as well as an outdoor catch basin with a heavy duty pump, and high water level alarms installed at all sump pump holes."

Bull said now he knows what to look for, but he recommends having as many people as possible inspect a house before it is bought to avoid surprises.

If a house has already been purchased, simple steps can be taken to stop flooding before it starts.

Proper drainage can help prevent water going where it shouldn't.

Downspouts should be checked to ensure they drain away from a home and toward the street. Eavestroughs should be cleaned and cleared regularly to prevent overflowing.

Sloping land should be observed to ensure water isn't flowing toward a house. If it is, it might be necessary to fill and grade the lot to prevent flooding.

Sump pumps and back flow valves can help even if your drainage system has already overflowed. This equipment should be installed by a professional, and must be maintained in order to work effectively.

Sometimes flooding is unavoidable, especially for houses on property located on the flood plain or that have experienced flooding previously. A renovation of a basement to make it "flood-friendly" can be costly, but cheaper than repairing floor and wall finishes or furniture that has been waterlogged. Be sure floors and walls are made of an impermeable material and retire older furniture to the basement or purchase furniture that would survive even a minor flood.

Most importantly, septic tanks need to be cleaned on a regular basis so that if heavy rainfall occurs, a disaster can be avoided.

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Rockbrune said a good starting point for finding the right dock for a property is to check in with the neighbours.

"Check to see what the neighbours are doing, and see what's working, or not, for them," he said.

Rockbrune said he can't stress enough the importance of



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having a professional fit a dock to an area. He said professionals have the experience necessary to choose the right materials for the environment and get the job done well the first time.

"Even a cheap dock still costs a lot," he said. "And in the end you'll be happier with one that lasts."

If landowners insist on building a dock themselves, Rockbrune said it's always better to bolt a

frame rather than nail it, and to consider what kind of float to use underneath.

An advocate for clean shorelines, he has had several discussions with the Ministry of Natural Resources about outlawing Styrofoam billets.

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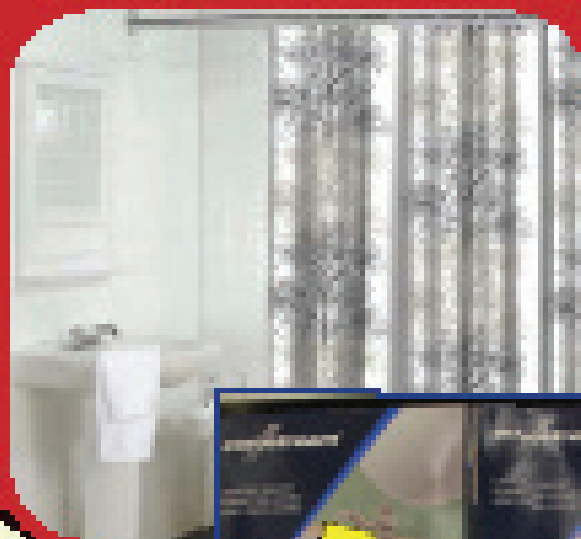
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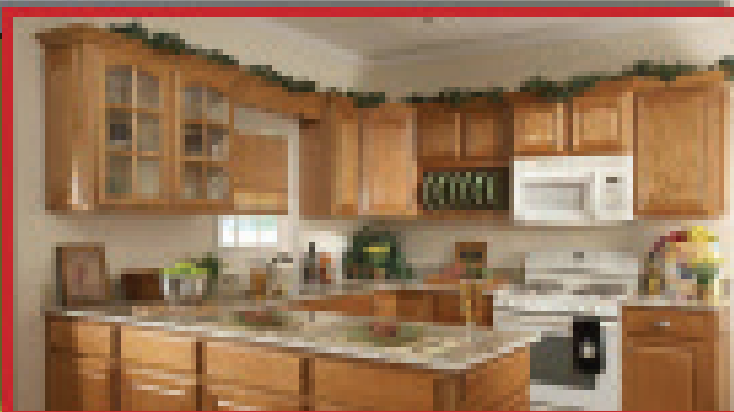
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Sustainability requires you to reduce what you need so that what you have is enough. If you can't afford hydro, then to be sustainable you may need to find alternate ways to generate power, like solar panels. However, if you can afford some hydro but still want to save money, then an option could be installing a skylight to allow more natural light into your home or cottage, thus reducing heating and lighting costs.

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If you want a sustainable home, start with the little things. What can you reduce and what can you reuse? You might be surprised to find that a few small projects, using materials found at local hardware stores, can make a big, positive impact on your pocket book and help the environment, too. It's all in how you think about sustainability.

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Beautifying a yard, Highlands-style

When most residents think of the Highlands, it's easy to conjure up images of natural beauty. Surrounded by lakes, trees and rock cliffs, the landscape provides a stunning backdrop for homes and cottages.

But sometimes, the natural landscape needs some help. That's where knowledge of local landscaping tips and trends comes in handy.

Aaron Galbraith of Aaron Galbraith Landscaping has worked in the landscape industry in the county for the past 15 years. He said there are always trends that remain consistent year after year.

"One of the most popular requests is to keep a cottage property as maintenance free as possible," he said. "Owners obviously want to spend their time participating in one of the many activities that Haliburton offers, and not cutting their lawn or weeding gardens."

He also said a fire pit is a classic piece of cottage nostalgia that many people strive to build or have added to their property.

But in terms of what is necessary when landscaping a property, Galbraith has some timely advice.

"The first thing that every cottage or home owner should do before planning their outdoor space is to think of water management," he said. "Water can be a very powerful and destructive force, as

demonstrated [by the storm damage] last week, so it is important to control this and guide water to areas of your property where it will not cause damage."

This type of forethought is essential when landscaping, to avoid problems in the future. Galbraith said it's important to think of how big a plant might grow if it's being planted at an early stage.

"It can be very disappointing to have to transplant, or even cut down, a tree or shrub five years down the road because it has outgrown the space where it was installed."

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners (HCMG) can help a homeowner understand a space to allow for more – or fewer – green areas. The volunteer organization will occasionally make free home visits to help identify plants currently in the garden or to give pointers on what to plant while taking into consideration the home's natural environment.

"There has been a move toward native plantings and for those who live on the lakes or rivers, for shoreline restoration to its natural habitat," said HCMG coordinator Janice Hardy.

There is also a trend for home and cottage owners to consider the plight of bees and butterflies that have been struggling to survive without a suitable habitat.

"Many home owners are keen to plant pollinator gardens to attract birds, bees and butterflies," said Hardy.

She suggests planting butterfly milkweed or swamp milkweed to attract these species.

"Both are showy plants that attract butterflies and bees and are the only host plants for monarch development."

Hardy agreed with Galbraith that there is a trend to reduce the amount of turf in the landscape to avoid maintenance. Instead, she said homeowners are planting ground covers over septic beds and throughout properties.

Most importantly, Hardy said it was essential to eliminate the use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers on lawns and gardens, especially near shorelines.

"Don't plant grass along shorelines," she said. "Use native plants and ground covers or leave it natural."

Finally, though many home and cottage owners appreciate seeing deer, gardeners tend to not be overjoyed to see the animals eating their landscape.

"Deer like some plants and dislike others," said Hardy. "However, if hungry, deer will eat all plants and some deer just happen to like those deer resistant plants. [Generally] fuzzy plants or plants with thorns are among those that deer don't really like."

OPTIONS FOR NATIVE PLANTING

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Minden Home Hardware celebrates 25 years

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Pictured above, Dave Staley and Jodi Patterson with their two recognition awards.

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Highlander sports

Ontario 55+ Winter Games wins \$25,000 grant

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Approximately 1,050 participants in the Ontario 55+ Winter Games will benefit from a \$25,000 grant awarded through the New Horizons for Seniors Program.

The games will be held in Haliburton in 2015. Funding from the New Horizons program is intended to purchase sports equipment for the event, as well as help with the operations and organization of the activities.

"It's outstanding," said Myke Malone, games general manager. "We're doing the happy dance."

Malone said the New Horizons program was ideal for the Winter Games.

"We felt we had a strong application that aligned with their priorities of funding organizations that benefit an active life for seniors," he said.

Malone also said the funding would eventually help others in the community when the sports equipment purchased for the event was donated to other groups and service clubs.

After the games held in Haliburton in 2011, volleyball nets used during the event

*It's outstanding,
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Myke Malone
games general manager

were donated to the high school, gym mats were donated to Archie Stouffer Elementary School and table tennis equipment was donated to the Minden Table Tennis club.

A total of \$245,952 was awarded to 15 separate organizations across the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock region through the New Horizons for Seniors Program. The Ontario 55+

Winter Games received the full possible amount.

"Our government recognizes the diversity of skills, knowledge and experience that seniors contribute to our society and the economy," said MP Barry Devolin. "Through initiatives such as the New Horizons for Seniors Program, we are helping to ensure that seniors maintain a high quality of life and continue as active, participating members of their communities."

Funding also went to the Bobcaygeon Curling Club, Community Care of Kawartha Lakes, and Royal Canadian Legions in three towns.

The Ontario 55+ Winter Games will take place on February 17, 18 and 19 in 2015.

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Highlander outdoors



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Above: The HHOA presented the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters with a Haliburton Gold reproduction to thank them for their contributions to the association. Pictured from left are Terry Hill, hatchery chairman; Jack Jackson, taxidermist; Shane Wood, community hatchery coordinator for the OFAH; and Rex Henry, HHOA president. Right: HHOA volunteers collect Walleye from the pond.



HHOA stocks lakes with Walleye

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

They may not be the size you're used to seeing come out of the fish hatchery, but the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) is still stocking 10,000 Walleye this week in two local lakes.

Rex Henry, HHOA president, said the association's goal is to stock 10,000 of the small Walleye, split evenly between Barnum Lake and Black Lake.

Back in April, the association's volunteers harvested 400,000 eggs. When they hatched, 60,000 were put into the HHOA's pond, while the rest were returned to the lake. Of those 60,000, they expect to get 10,000 walleye for stocking. They began collecting the fish on July 9.

The hatchery is most well-known for its unique Haliburton Gold Lake Trout. Normally when they stock Lake Trout, Rainbow or Haliburton Gold strains, the fish are 18 months old.

"We try to get them out large, healthy and able to survive," Henry said.

However, Walleye are cannibalistic and if the volunteers wait too long, the fish will start eating each other.

"We can't keep them too long or they'll devour each other," he said. "This is an optimum time to get them out, when they are about an inch to an inch-and-a-half. They aren't too aggressive."

The volunteers used a net in the HHOA's

pond to bring the Walleye out of the water, where they were stored until July 10. On that day, they will be delivered to the two lakes.

Shane Wood, community hatchery coordinator for the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH), was on hand to help to collect the fish. Through its program, the OFAH provides funding to 41 hatcheries across the province.

"These community hatcheries raise public fish for public waters," he said. "Another thing too is its community involvement. You get local community members together."

Wood said along with providing funding to the hatcheries, he likes to come out and help when and where he can.

Henry said the OFAH's support has been very helpful to the hatchery.

"They've been a partner with this hatchery right from the beginning," he said. "We've been working with OFAH for a long time."

To recognize that partnership, the HHOA presented Wood with a Haliburton Gold reproduction.

"He's [Wood] going to take it back to their centre in Peterborough," said Henry. "It's in appreciation for the support of OFAH to the HHOA, and it's for the education of the public."

The OFAH's Community Hatchery Program (CHP) partners with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to administer funding. The CHP administers the funding program on behalf of the MNR. For more information, visit ofah.org/chp.

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Through my eyes Under pressure

There are two things I do not handle well: pressure from outside sources, and being asked to do something immediately.

Going shopping without knowing a few days in advance or suddenly being asked to write a column two days before it is due are just a couple of examples. It sends me into a state of turmoil. I feel like my head is ready to explode. I have a headache, my back aches, and I feel exhausted. So I decided to write about how stressed I get when I don't know something ahead of time.

Last Friday I had three cups of coffee, I did not stop typing for a full 30 minutes, and still had nothing concrete on paper. To say the least I am not an impulsive person. So I decided to write about how stressed I get when I don't know something ahead of time.

I don't understand why this happens. I observe other people who drop whatever they are doing and run off to do something at a moment's notice without missing a beat, but I am a person of routine — everything the same, every day, and I am happy. All my life making transition from one thing to another or from one place to another has been very difficult, however my family knows

what it takes and always gives me time to process the information and prepare for the change, whatever it might be.

I think I am getting better at dealing with some changes, but nothing spur of the moment yet.

The week before last, I thought that I was writing my last column for the Highlander as my school co-op had come to an end. However my editor, Matthew, asked me if Friday I could have a column turned in for last week's paper. I didn't know how to respond, but I was not expecting to write a column and I had no subject to focus on. I was caught unaware.

I apologize to my readers for being absent last week. I am now writing this as a columnist for The Highlander. I have had an extra week to think about columns for the next two or three weeks, I am relaxed and ready to write. It's a drastic contrast to how I felt this time last week. I know what I have to do and I am prepared to continue... at my own pace, of course.



By Austin McGillion



Photos by Walt Griffin

Water fun for Youth Unlimited camp goers

Youth Unlimited hosted its annual Water Camp from July 8-10 at Haliburton RPM. Kids ages 10-14 enjoyed a range of activities during the camp, including boating and water sports. The organization's next event, the Arts Camp, will be hosted on Aug. 5-7.

Pictured above, the kids took a moment from the water to snap a group shot at the 2014 Youth Unlimited Water Camp. Right: Two girls have fun in the yard.



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Highlander events



Photos by Sue Tiffin and Mark Arike

Left: Drey Cook jumps over a ramp on his way to the finish at Katie's Run. Middle: Participants of all ages cross the finish line in the 10K run. Right: Former NHLer and current Dysart councillor Walt McKechnie signs autographs for a group of young kids.

Third Katie's Run a 'do-it-yourself' success

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

On a picture-perfect day in the Haliburton Highlands, the community came together to shine a spotlight on epilepsy research and those who live with the neurological disorder.

A total of 150 people participated in the third annual Katie's Run held at Sir Sam's Ski & Bike on July 5. As in previous years, the event offered two courses – a 10-kilometre run and a 2.5-kilometre run/walk.

Katie's Run is named after local resident Katie Woudstra, a teenager who was diagnosed with epilepsy when she was 16.

Gary Collins, executive director of Epilepsy Canada, called Katie's Run "one of the largest do-it-yourself events in Canada."

"Two years ago we raised \$16,000, last year \$17,000 even after the flood," said Collins. "This year we hope to raise somewhere between \$17-20,000. We're closing in on our goal and this is a wonderful experience."

Collins, who is an epilepsy sufferer himself, said that 300,000 Canadians are affected by this condition. For 70 per cent of those people, seizures are kept under control by taking medication. However, the other 30 per cent "don't live a normal life."

"Their seizures come at any time, anywhere, any place," he said. "So then they live a whole life of disorder."

Collins also revealed that one per cent of

people with epilepsy will die because of the condition.

Woudstra proudly announced that she has been seizure-free for the past two years.

"I'm in a really good place right now with my health," she said, while fighting to hold back tears during her short thank-you speech.

"We're just so blessed to have this day to raise awareness for epilepsy, to raise funds. So just thank you so much."

This year's featured story was that of eight-year-old Erin Riviere Lett. The local cottager had her first seizure at the age of one.

"Over the past year-and-a-half, I have had to explain to lots of people that epilepsy isn't contagious," she said. "It's not like the cold or the flu: you can't catch it from us if we shake hands or play together. It means that every once in a while, my brain gets too busy and mixed up to tell my body what to do."

Riviere Lett said she experiences two different types of seizures, but what triggers them remains unknown.

For the past two years, she has told her story to other students in an effort to educate them and remove the stigma around epilepsy.

"I just want to tell people more about this condition and to not be scared to talk about it. My mom told me that one of her colleagues has epilepsy, but she never told any of the staff until she saw my presentation."

Of those who participated, this year's top individual fundraiser was Don McCulloch

with over \$1,500. Together, the Bitten/McCulloch family team raised almost \$2,500, according to event organizer Trudy Pogue.

"This family became involved in a big way this year, sponsoring the event, volunteering, and walking for Trystan Bitten of Minden, who is six years old and was diagnosed with epilepsy in November of 2012," wrote Pogue

in an email.

Over 70 volunteers helped make the event possible.

The total amount raised was yet to be confirmed, but Pogue said it would meet or exceed the previous years' totals.

For a full list of race results visit katie'srun.ca.



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Going purple for Katie's Run

The Highlander's Mark Arike put out a challenge on social media that if he could raise \$500 for Katie's Run, he would dye his hair purple. Arike hit his goal the day of the run, raising \$520 and coming in fifth place for overall fundraising. True to his word, Arike visited his hair stylist on July 7 to dye his hair a vibrant purple. Pictured above, Lacey Johnson of Lacey's Hair Design in Haliburton dyes Mark Arike's hair purple after he successfully raised more than \$500 for Katie's Run.



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Ghost walk filled with history

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

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Pugh narrates the walks, which are half spook-filled and half-historical, with a strong knowledge of the area's background. He's just as easily able to talk about how much land was acquired from First Nations people during the original settling of the area as he is able to tell you why you should stop for that lady with the old-fashioned pram you might see on Deep Bay Road. He's well aware of his visitors, checking in to see if boredom has



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Besides learning about the history of Minden and local ghost stories, narrator Doug Pugh shares insight into special features located throughout the town.

set in or if he should change course. Though the walk isn't long, the length of the tour can be – but a rest at the Dominion Hotel with complimentary ice tea helps walkers regain some energy. Just mind the woman with the black veil.

"I thought it was fun," said nine-year-old Maija Charron of Newmarket.

Charron said she believed a lot of what she heard, and that she learned a lot while on the tour. Her mom Tiina waited for Maija and her brother John to get to an age to appreciate the walk and had been meaning to take the tour after seeing it advertised in the paper each year.

Tickets for the Minden tour are available at

Wallflower Studio at 115 Bobcaygeon Road. The tours start at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays in front of the Rivercone. In Haliburton, tours start at the Heritage House Café at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Walks run about 90 minutes, or two and a half hours, depending on how the chat goes.

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Top: Matt Duchene signs a Canadian flag for two young fans. Right: Dysart Reeve Murray congratulates Matt Duchene after presenting him with the key to the village. Left: Visitors gather around the new band shell in Head Lake Park to take in the sounds of the Maclay Experience.

Matt Duchene gets key to the village

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

With Canadian flags in their hands and cameras ready for a photo-op, hundreds of people gathered at Head Lake Park on July 6 for Matt Duchene Day.

The born and bred Haliburtonian, who captured the hearts of local residents after winning a gold medal with Team Canada at the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, rode into the park on an older model Corvette after participating in a parade down Maple Avenue and Highland Street.

"I really appreciate your guys' support,"

Duchene told the large crowd. "It means a lot for me to bring this back home to Haliburton. [It's] a special day for me here."

Stan Butler, one of Duchene's former coaches when he played for the Brampton Battalion (now North Bay Battalion), was in attendance to congratulate the gold medal winner.

"You could tell at a young age that Matt was going to be a great player," said Butler. "I know I'm very proud of him, and hopefully everyone in Haliburton is proud of him too because what he's accomplished is just unbelievable."

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin presented Duchene a signed

copy of "A Great Game: The Forgotten Leafs & The Rise of Professional Hockey" to give to his parents. The book is written by Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who included a special message to Vince and Christine Duchene.

"Thanks on your family's contribution to the game," he wrote.

Event organizer and Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey was last to speak about Duchene's accomplishments before presenting him with a key to the village.

"I have to say, and I may be partial, that Matt Duchene's line in the last game was the best line on the ice," said Fearrey, who then joked he would give the Colorado Avalanche

centre a key to the county if he could.

Duchene then signed autographs and posed for photos with dozens of fans who lined up at the bandshell.

A dinner was held in the evening at the Pinestone Resort with proceeds going to the Canadian Tire Jump Start program, Point In Time and Food for Kids. On Monday, Fearrey said the event raised somewhere between \$2,600 and \$3,000.

Other attractions in the park included live entertainment from the Maclay Experience and a barbeque provided by the Haliburton & District Lions Club.

Highlander events

Canoe FM Radiothon raises record \$29,000

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Canoe FM listeners heard the call for help and gave what they could.

As a result, Haliburton County's community radio station raised \$29,000 during their sixth annual Radiothon on July 4 and 5. This total is \$2,000 more than last year's, and \$14,000 more than the first station fundraiser held six years ago.

The Canoe building on Mountain Street in Haliburton was filled with volunteers, musicians and supporters during the second day of the fundraising event.

Volunteers busily took on-air and walk-in monetary donations from listeners while local musicians played live shows for residents resting on the station lawn. The Haliburton and District Lions Club served food and kids could draw on the sidewalk in front of the station with chalk.

Emily and Olivia Fitzell visited the station with 48 cents and 68 cents. They had cleaned out their grandmother's purse of change and wanted to make a donation.

"People are coming in with a couple of bucks, or change or more," said long-time volunteer DJ Lee MacLean. "Everyone is just so generous."

Lee was on the air with her husband, Malcolm. Soon after they announced they would be raising funds to put toward new microphones, an anonymous donor came forward with the complete \$1,500 to make it happen.

"We are just in awe of the community's generosity," said Lee. "I've just been sitting

here with my eyes this big. It's unbelievable."

Malcolm said the financial donations are important but it's the support from the community that's most inspiring.

"It's knowing that, hey, people care," said Malcolm. "Radio can be a lonely place. But they're out there, and they care."

Station manager Roxanne Casey agreed.

"All donations are equally as important as people give what they can," she said. "But for me, seeing people drop off money, cookies and nice notes means we are truly making a difference and what we do is appreciated and needed in this community."

A sign posted around the Canoe FM radio studio during the fundraising weekend reminded volunteers to be warm, helpful, appreciative and attentive to listeners as they called in to the station to donate. Supporters who dropped by the station to donate believe those to be the typical traits of the DJs.

"When I first moved to the area, Canoe FM helped me connect to the community," said supporter Victoria Bingham. "I had no Internet and no telephone, all I had was the radio."

"We do make mistakes, we're not perfect, but that's part of the appeal," said Malcolm. "It's not just some talking head people are tuning in to hear. We're their neighbours. They are us, and they want to support us."

Casey said funds raised would help finish the Radio Hall, replace old equipment and acquire microphones for the broadcast studio. After rental fees, licensing fees, utilities, insurance and telephone, it costs about \$240,000 per year to run the station.



Photo by Sue Tiffin

The Canoe FM community radio studio was filled with energetic volunteers on July 5 who were raising funds through the station's annual Radiothon. From left: DJ Malcolm MacLean, station manager Roxanne Casey and DJ Lee MacLean ensure everything goes smoothly on air.



Photo by Mark Arike

Toronto group Red Hot Ramble brought jazz music to the Haliburton Highlands Museum as part of the second edition of Jazz at the 45th Presents.

Red Hot Ramble on fire

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Red Hot Ramble brought their blend of New Orleans style jazz, funk and blues to the Haliburton Highlands Museum on July 5.

The sold out concert, titled "Canoe FM's Jazz at the 45th Presents" featured the sounds of Roberta Hunt (vocals and piano), Alison Young (saxophone), Jack Zorawski (bass), Glenn Anderson (drums) and Jamie

Stager (trombone). The quintet is from the Toronto area.

According to Tim Hagarty, event organizer and host of Canoe FM's Jazz at the 45th radio program, the concert raised a couple hundred dollars for the museum.

"It was great exposure to the museum," he said.

Last year's fundraiser – which was the first of its kind in the Highlands – featured the Lorne Lofsky Trio.

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Margaret Helen Hull (nee Glennie)**

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Margaret was the youngest of the Glennie clan of 7 – Predeceased by her siblings – twins Jack and Alex Glennie, Jean Stewart, Phyllis Moss, Marian McIlroy, and Maureen Glennie. She leaves husband W. George of 64 years. Three children Christine (Jan Fleming), Glenn (Ellen), Dave (Nancy). Three grandchildren Kevin, Leanne, Jennifer and many others and nephews.

Margaret's 15 children of four came when in a caring hospital at Haliburton she shipped her Minden train to her second eight-week and it was first year move to the Minden paper. Her first was in Toronto at Arden's Cutting Club. Margaret cooked till her 80th year. In her younger years she enjoyed playing and speed ice skating, bowling, dancing and line dancing.

A member of the United Church and U.C. Women in Toronto and United Church in Minden, also a member of the Haliburton and Minden Hospital Auxiliary for 20 years.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Garden A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., R.O. Box 427, Minden on Friday, July 11, 2014 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm and then on Saturday, July 12, 2014 from 10:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service at the Minden United Church, 21 Newcombe St., Minden at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Church (downstairs). Interment to follow at Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery.

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Highlander events



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Walter Tose, Bill Hutson, Doug Olliffe and David Bathe (with drummer Cathy Salvatori) as Custom Blend entertain people on the streets of Minden during Music By the Gull, a weekly outdoor concert series.

Music by the Gull entertains Minden

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

A sure sign of summer in Minden has been heard on Friday nights at the corner of Bobcaygeon Road and Water Street for the past 21 years.

On those nights at 7 p.m., a small crowd of people brings lawn chairs to the downtown intersection for Music by the Gull. The free music series features local bands and musicians once a week from June 27 to August 29.

Music fans set up in front of the outdoor stage after the rain on July 4 to hear popular and traditional folk group Custom Blend.

“I like] the echo of the music travelling

through the amazing sky,” said Haliburton resident Jamie Guenther. “You can just be free with your expression.”

Guenther was attending the concert with friends for the second time.

“I went because I like all kinds of music. I just find this fun and relaxing. It puts you in an amazing trance and you get goosebumps.”

Local Remax agent Blake O’Byrne distributed cards he purchased for free coffee from a downtown business to patrons of the musical event.

“I’m hoping they’ll enjoy a cup of coffee to help make the evening more interesting for them and to help promote the lovely people at On the Spot,” he said.

Folk group Serendipity will perform at the July 11 show.

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS IN SEASON. EVERY SEASON

NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Application RZ-14-04, Part of Lots 4, Concession A, geographic Township of Minden
By-law – 14-34

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 14-34 on the 26th day of June, 2014 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990. By-law No. 14-34 amends Schedule “21” of Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, as it pertains to those lands described above, by rezoning the subject lands from the Residential Type One (R1) Zone to the Community Facility Exception Two (CF-2) and Residential Type One Exception Four (R1-4) Zone to recognize several deficiencies with respect to front yard setbacks, interior side yard setbacks, rear yard setbacks and lot area, as described in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the By-law. This By-law conforms to the Township of Minden Hills Official Plan. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

AND TAKE NOTICE that the properties subject to Application RZ-14-04 are also the subject of Applications for Consent H-025/2013.

AND TAKE NOTICE any person or agency may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills not later than the 30th day of July, 2014, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by a fee of \$125.00, made payable to the Minister of Finance, as prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act.

DATED at the Township of Minden this 10th day of July, 2014.

Deanna Smith, ACST (A)
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Application RZ-14-05, Part of Lots 28 and 29, Concession 6, geographic Township of Minden
By-law – 14-45

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 14-45 on the 26th day of June, 2014 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990. By-law No. 14-45 amends Schedule “12” of Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, as it pertains to those lands described above, by rezoning the subjectlands from the Rural (RU) and Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone to the Rural Exception Twenty-Two (RU-22) and Shoreline Exception Fifty-Three (SR-53) Zone to recognize several deficiencies with respect to 300 metre setback from Kashagawigamog Lake, high water mark setback and undersized dwelling, as described in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the By-law. This By-law conforms to the Township of Minden Hills Official Plan. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

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What's on



File photo

A couple enjoys the 2013 Minden Bluegrass Festival.

Bluegrass brings it all together

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

The Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival that happens at the Minden Fairgrounds from July 18 to 20 is a collaborative event.

Without the manpower needed to host it each year, the Rotary Club of Minden recruited other service clubs to join in. The Minden Legion now runs the beer tent, the Minden Agricultural Society offers food and the Minden Kinsmen manage the camping site. The township partnered with the groups to help with some of the fees involved. About 50 to 60 volunteers make it all happen.

But on top of that sense of community

amongst organizers, is the closeness of a crowd of music fans brought together by three days of bluegrass music.

"There's no clanging and banging," said Rotary Club member and event lead Dennis Casey. "It's just pure music."

Casey said 130 campsites have been booked at the festival so far, and organizers expect another 50 or 60 to join from off the street. Casey said many bluegrass fans in the province go from festival to festival each summer and he suspects many will bring their trailer to the Minden Fairgrounds days prior to the event, like he plans to do.

The event starts at 4:30 p.m. on Friday July 18, and an open mic session featuring more

collaboration usually ends the night at about midnight. Bands play about three times each during the weekend event, with performances from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on July 19 and a last taste of music from 9 – 2 on July 20.

Festival goers usually bring something to sit on and some bring their own food, but plenty to eat is available including soft ice cream, pulled pork and homemade pies that don't last long before they're sold.

"It's going well," said Casey of the fourth year of Bluegrass planning. "Each year we're a little better, or a little more fine-tuned."

Casey said some of the bands were chosen not just because they're good bands, but also because they took a chance on the festival in

its inaugural year. Bands in the festival lineup include Rhyme 'n' Reason, Traditionally Wound and the Sweetgrass Band.

"I recommend people try it once, and just come out and listen," said Casey. "It's really the type of music that gets to you after awhile."

Day passes to the Friday night or Sunday festival event are available for \$20 while the one-day-pass on Saturday costs \$35. A weekend pass for all three days and rough camping on Friday and Saturday costs \$75. For more information visit mindenhillsbluegrassfestival.ca

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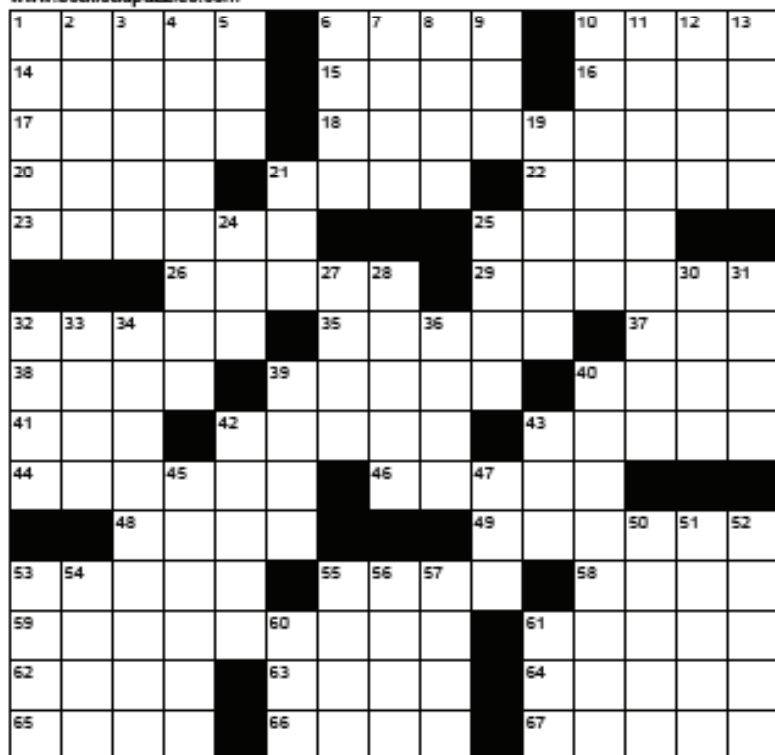


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10. Drifting
14. Florida bay
15. Maui garlands
16. Shadowbox
17. Not appropriate
18. Swiftest
20. Repeat
21. Klutz's exclamation
22. Track events
23. Spring, e.g.
25. Refusal word
26. Potato state
29. Crazy
32. Ham it up
35. Elude
37. Small bit
38. Smelling organ
39. Throw
40. Negative reply
41. Medic
42. Hi
43. Sophia ____
44. Hidden gunman
46. Like honey
48. Fibber
49. Library patron
53. ____ bear
55. Enlightened one's words (2 wds.)
58. Family chart
59. Marooned
61. Wharves
62. Presidential power
63. Cooled
64. ____ O'Donnell of TV
65. Watches
66. Lord's wife
67. Beginning

DOWN

1. Pigs' digs
2. Jousting weapon
3. D-Day beach
4. Top, to bottom
5. Butter portion
6. Likewise
7. Actor Johnny ____
8. Conks out
9. NNW's opposite
10. Japanese, e.g.
11. Onlooker
12. Soothe
13. Fine ____
19. Humming sound
21. "____ Clear Day..." (2 wds.)
24. Keats work
25. Broad
27. Sock part
28. Track shapes
30. Back of the neck
31. Genesis site
32. Make ____ meet
33. Lunar body
34. Swing back and forth
36. Acknowledge
39. Mister (Ger.)
40. System of symbols
42. Listened to
43. Rebel general
45. Baby grands, e.g.
47. Shakespeare's "before"
50. Garb
51. Uncanny
52. Adjust again
53. Apply asphalt
54. Heed
55. Peruvian native
56. Sow
57. Circular current
60. Furnace fuel
61. Ace

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Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw.	Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime.	Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m.	Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m.	Everyone welcome!
Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m.	Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m.	Uncle Bob's Kids Rock Bass Derby, weigh-in 12-1 p.m.
Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.	Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.	Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m.
Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m.	Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m.	L.A. Breakfast, Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Live music from The Highlands Trio, Saturday, 4-7 p.m.	Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m.	Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.
	Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.	Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

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Larson LX 160 Yamaha F90, Trailer, Tonneau & Bow Cover, Stereo, Ski Bar.

Only **\$210** monthly



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GREAT HALIBURTON VILLAGE LOCATION \$379,000



- Spacious 5+ bedrooms with many upgrades
- On Highland Street across from the LCBO
- Commercial zoning. Many potential uses

GLAMOR LAKE RD \$38,900



- Good building lot 1 km from boat launch and swimming at Glamor Lake
- Year round municipally maintained road
- Ideal for a getaway cottage or retirement home

CRYSTAL LAKE \$579,000



- New 3 bedroom, 1,700 square feet
- Spacious open concept kitchen/dining room
- Muskoka room with wood floors
- 123 feet of shoreline, park-like setting
- Detached 2 car garage, 2 bed guest cabin

DRAG LAKE \$800,000



- 284 feet of shoreline, western exposure
- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, four season
- Open concept, wood floors, fireplace
- Extremely private, attached garage
- 12 minutes to Haliburton Village



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CUSTOM BUILT! \$549,900



- 3+2 bedroom, 2,552 sq. ft. of luxury living
- 100 feet of clean sand shoreline
- Walk-out fully finished basement
- Extensive upper and lower decking
- Fully furnished and ready to enjoy!

CUSTOM BUILT! \$275,000



- 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 1,432 square feet
- Bunkie, clean deep water
- Full finished lower level walkout
- Mature treed lot with sunset exposure
- Conveniently located close to Haliburton

4 SEASON HOME \$289,900



- 3 bedroom, 1,200 square foot home
- 100 feet of frontage, sand shoreline
- Wet slip boathouse with rooftop deck
- Detached 1.5 car garage
- Turn-key set-up, 4 season

4 SEASON RETREAT \$369,200



- 3+ bdrm, open concept, ranch style home
- Child safe shoreline, expansive views
- Front and rear decking
- 1,800 square feet of living space
- Year round easy access



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4 SEASON FAMILY COTTAGE \$419,000



- 4 bedroom, 2,000 square feet of living space
- 125 feet of waterfront, 1.14 acres
- Clean sandy waste in swimming
- Close to Minden Village and all amenities
- Cozy atmosphere and great lake view

WHY BUY A CONDO? \$237,000



- 3 bedroom, 1,024 square foot home
- Close to Haliburton and all amenities
- New deck, flagstone patio
- Energy efficient, screened porch
- Numerous upgrades/renovations

STORMY LAKE \$350,000



- Newly renovated 3 bedroom
- 139 feet of southeast exposure
- Year round access
- Borders 40 acres of Crown land
- Good fishing and boating

CUSTOM BUILT \$650,000



- Year round 4 bedroom executive home
- Over 300 feet of north western exposure
- 3 lake chain, insulated 2 car garage, close to Haliburton
- One bedroom guest house or bunkie
- A MUST SEE



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BOB LAKE \$344,500



- Charming 2 bedroom cottage sits close to water edge
- 100' of frontage w/ property on both sides of the rd
- Deep water off dock, great fishing
- Awesome views of island and across the lake
- 10 minutes to local amenities and 2 hours to GTA

BOB LAKE \$364,500



- 3 bdrm side split cottage w/ bunkie & garage
- Screened in sunroom, cathedral ceilings
- 100 feet of deep, clean shoreline
- Gorgeous big lake view
- Less than 10 minutes from local amenities and hospital

INCREDIBLE VIEW \$365,000



- 2,300 square foot, 6 bedroom, beautifully renovated home
- Large waterfront lot connecting 2 lakes
- Hardwood floors, stone fireplace, garage, boathouse and storage building
- Call me for a complete list of upgrades including decks, windows, insulation and more

WILBERMERE BEACH \$137,500



- Home or cottage across from a public beach
- Level lot - 0.6 acres
- Many new upgrades include new septic in 2007
- 1,340 square foot 3 bedrooms



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YEAR ROUND HOME \$159,900



- 3+1 bedroom, 2,000 square foot home
- Oak kitchen, formal living/dining area
- Full basement with built in garage
- Year round access close to amenities
- Being sold 'as is'

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY \$639,900



- High traffic and visibility
- Complete turn-key set-up
- 2.5 acres, level lot, fully fenced
- Fully serviced office building
- Storage units, U-Haul Rental

CENTRALLY LOCATED \$159,900



- 3 bedrooms, open floor plan
- Deep lot, wide deck on the front of the house
- Close to many trail systems, public boat launches and swimming areas

BOAT INTO SHADOW LAKE \$399,900



- Super year round home/cottage
- Outstanding location, level lot
- Boathouse, marine railway
- Detached double garage with loft
- Two fireplaces, big back yard



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TWO SHORELINES \$345,900



- 3+2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,100 square feet
- 150 feet of frontage, 1.71 acres
- 2 bedroom cabin with second waterfront area
- Large backyard and more waterfront
- Fully furnished, 5 minutes from Minden

ABSOLUTE STUNNER \$275,000



- 1 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2,200 square feet of living space
- Almost 400 feet of river front, 2.85 acres
- Walk-out to huge deck, lower level screened porch
- 9 year new Royal Homes, open concept
- Year round access, endless possibilities

AT WATERS EDGE \$399,900



- 2 bedroom, 1,580 square foot cottage
- 105' of clean sand shoreline, sunrise view
- Interlocking stone/brick patios, treed
- Lower level walkout, storage shed
- Lakeside decking with glass panels

YEAR ROUND HOME \$399,900



- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 1,507 square feet
- Flat lot with sandy shoreline
- 475 square feet of tiled decking
- Central vacuum, hot tub, family room
- Detached garage and bunkie



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